

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
March 14th, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioner Brandenburg, Chief Acord, Secretary Mark Crum, and Commissioner Milliken, Commissioner Palm, Assistant Chief Stamps, see attached list of attendees.

Room had been sanitized ahead of time and were at less than 50% occupancy.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

**Additions to agenda:**

No additions to agenda.

**Minutes approval:**

Commissioner Brandenburg makes a motion that we approve the minutes for the February 14th Meeting Commissioner Palm seconded, all were in favor.

**Financial Report:**

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to approve the financial report from the County in the amount of \$2,054,458.25. Commissioner Palm seconded, and all were in favor.

**Correspondence:**

Assistant Chief Rusty Stamps received a letter thanking the fire district for saving their home on December 24<sup>th</sup>. The letter was from Midge and Scott Johnston, and they donated \$2,000.

**Public Comment:**

Alan Fahnestock commented that he has collected \$96,885 to go towards the fire hydrant. Fahnestock spoke with the County commissioner about potential funding assistance.

**Old Business:**

**New District Station Building**

Chief Acord working with Blews Construction on change orders.

Only change order for the month of February was for an over-run on the energy bill of \$500.

Chief Acord asked contractors about changing corners to rounded instead of square, but the cost was almost \$7,000. Chief Acord also spoke to George Watson about adding sprinklers and sod, but architect hasn't been able to get that cost as of yet.

### **Twisp Annexation:**

Commissioner Brandenburg spoke with the Town of Twisp Council about annexing, and they've identified 3 areas of discussion. They mention purchase of the Twisp Fire Station property, discussion about who owns what percentage of the property based on past capital investments. Twisp Council also wants to discuss charging for water usage and doing fire inspections.

Town of Twisp regardless of annexation wants to know if the District will be interested in purchasing the current property.

Chief Acord and Commissioner Brandenburg will be meeting with the Town of Twisp Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss further.

Chief Acord asks the board if they're interested in purchasing the Twisp station property regardless of annexation or not.

Board discussion about adding fire inspections to the agreement, consensus from the board that it should be separate of the annexation.

### **New Business:**

#### **Carlton Fire Station**

Chief Acord reviewed bills and determined that there was excessive usage on one of the gas cards. Case has been opened and there is a pending investigation with the County Sheriffs Office. Whitley Fuel is investigating too.

#### **Sealed Bids:**

Currently out to bid on the Mazama Hydrant project, and Vocational Training facility.

22<sup>nd</sup> of March will hold a Special Meeting at 7:00pm at the District Office at Twisp District office.

#### **ARPA Funding:**

Chief Acord submitted a proposal to the County Commissioners to provide funding from ARPA funding for Fire Station COVID related costs.

### **County Communications Oversight Panel:**

County panel voted 7-1 to upgrade the current radio system. Currently working on engineering plan and then will go to Commissioners for approval. Chief Acord was the

lone “nay” vote, sites issues with interfacing with agencies that use other types of communication.

Communication Chief has asked FD6 to sponsor a FEMA grant application to help pay for the radio system.

**COVID 19 Update:**

Notification from District attorney today that we’re no longer required to implement restrictions. Chief Acord is going to keep training partially separated for the time being. Mazama / Winthrop and Twisp / Carlton together.

**Chiefs Report:**

Review of accruals from Chief Acord by the Commissioners.  
Review of call logs.

Discussion about the necessity of reviewing the logs.

**Executive Session:**

**Public Comment #2:**

Paul Sisson wanted to know if there was an ETA for the bay doors for the new station, Acord mentioned before major completion date.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to accept vouchers, Commissioner Milliken seconded, all were in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM

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Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:

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Mark Crum, Secretary